

## Teen Pizza Tasting Party

Youth Services hosted a very successful Pizza Tasting Party for middle and high school students on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Pizzerias from all over Lynchburg contributed pizza for this event. The teens did blind taste tests then voted for their favorite pizza, thus enriching both their taste buds and the knowledge of the power of one vote. First place went to Domino's Pizza, second went to JoJo, and third went to Upper Crust. Congratulations!

We also want to acknowledge the other vendors who were very generous with their donations: Pizza Hut, Papa John's, WaterStone, Little Caesars, Monte Carlo, Ledo, CiCi's, Vinny's, and LaVilla. Their participation and support was greatly appreciated!

Stay tuned for more exciting and adventurous teen programs!



## Visit us on Facebook!

The library now has a page on Facebook. Visit the **Lynchburg Public Library** Facebook page for information about upcoming events and activities.

It's easy to become a fan of the library. Just sign up for a free Facebook account at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)



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## Lynchburg Reads 2010 Announced

**God Grew Tired of Us** by John Bul Dau is next year's **Lynchburg Reads** selection. Book discussions and other

public programs will be offered by the library in the spring, and Mr. Dau will speak at Randolph College and at E.C. Glass. More details will be provided in future newsletters. The library is again partnering with the Holocaust Education Committee and RC to bring an important author to Lynchburg.

Just thirteen in 1987 when he was driven from his village and separated from his family as the civil war raged in southern Sudan, John Bul Dau spent years in refugee camps in Ethiopia and Kenya, until in 2001, at the age of 27, he came to the U.S. as one of 4,000 Lost Boys of

Sudan. John's memoir of his Dinka childhood shows African life and values at their best, while his searing account of hardship, famine, and war also testifies to human resilience and kindness. His memoir is the subject of an award-winning documentary film. This is a stark, first-person account of trauma and survival. Dau tells it quietly, in fast, simple prose true to the young teen's viewpoint. He's honest about the culture shock in America and the chance for work and college, he never denies his connections to Africa.

The library will have extra copies of the book and film.



## Kodiak Shredding - Back by Popular Demand!

The past two shredding fundraisers have been so successful that the Friends will provide another opportunity for those who want to safely dispose of their old financial, tax and personal papers. **Kodiak Shredding** will bring its mobile paper shredding truck to the **main Library on Saturday, October 17 from 10 AM to 2 PM.**

You can view the entire process and be assured that all your paper is completely shredded. Cost for shredding is \$10.00 for a box (18x18x24). Shred those papers and make a gift to the Friends as well.



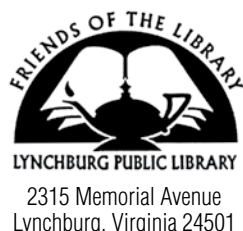
For more information, call 455-6310.



## Security Update

Summer is the library's busiest time of the year and 2009 was no exception. About 1,000 users visited daily, often bringing children to attend one of the many youth programs; they kept staff hopping. To help ensure a safe and pleasant environment for all users, security cameras and loudspeakers have been installed around the main library. The cameras are positioned around the exterior and throughout the interior, capturing activity in high resolution digital images.

Additionally, five loudspeakers are now positioned around building exterior; a 6-CD changer plays a variety of Baroque, opera and other classical music in random order, 24/7. Many library users have commented favorably and find the music welcoming; it discourages others from hanging around. Also, the smokers' bench was removed. Additionally, the Plaza itself is much busier - the new grocery store and gas pumps have created considerable traffic. With the opening of school, off-duty police officers will be present in the afternoons for several weeks.



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With a Little Help from My Friends



The funds raised in the Friends 2006 Endowment Fund campaign were invested and by fall 2008, \$7,000 in interest had been earned. The Friends Board set a policy that this earned income should be used for the “extras,” the special projects the library couldn’t fund itself. They established a process by which staff could submit suggestions for projects and the Board would decide which to fund. These funds would be in addition to the Friends regular annual budget, which provides about \$20,000 for the volunteer program, youth summer reading program, adult books and this newsletter.

With the unexpected economic downturn, this first ever distribution of Endowment income will instead help the library through these rough times: \$2,500 kept a part-time employee working through the busy summer months (a freeze on hiring has left the main library staff short two full-time equivalents); \$2,000 will support youth programs, \$1,000 will be used to develop a logo for the library and the remaining \$1,500 will be split evenly between the youth and adult collections.

The library staff is grateful for this support. Over 50,000 items circulated in July. Youth programs were bursting at capacity; the demand for adult books remains high. In FY 2010, the library’s State Aid is decreasing by \$3,000 and another \$16,000 of it will be used to fund two part-time shelver positions left vacant due to the hiring freeze – 1,500 items a day must be re-shelved. If any more employees resign, serious thought will be given to reducing hours.

Newsletters in Your Inbox

If you would like to receive the newsletter and other important library information by email, please contact the newsletter editor, Candice Michalik at [candice.michalik@lynchburgva.gov](mailto:candice.michalik@lynchburgva.gov). Newsletters are sent in PDF form and must be viewed using the Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer, go to [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) to download a free copy.



The library also has the capability to notify patrons via e-mail about their overdue and reserved materials. If you would like to be notified by e-mail, please ask a staff member at the Circulation Desk to update your record.

From the President



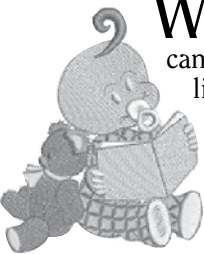
Dear Friends,  
Thanks to your tremendous support, reading and learning flourish at the Lynchburg Public Library! In the past fiscal year, our library achieved unprecedented growth: 29,286 registered borrowers; 566,328 items in circulation; 65,318 public Internet sessions; and 320,788 books and materials checked out by young readers. Despite a hiring freeze, the dedicated library staff and volunteers delivered outstanding customer service and quality programs to meet a burgeoning demand for library services.

In this tough economy, our public library needs your generous support now more than ever. As a Friend, you support the popular children’s summer reading program; Lynchburg Reads, a community-wide reading program where all are encouraged to read and discuss the same book and then to hear the author talk about it; the Mayor’s Reading Club, a children’s inner city outreach reading program; the vibrant library volunteer program; and many other wonderful services which foster literacy and a love for learning in all ages.

So, please renew your Friends membership again this year and invite a friend to join as well. We look forward to seeing you – and all of your friends and family – at your public library!!

Margie Lippard  
President, Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library

Born to Read Begins Its Tenth Year.



When Donna Hladik Smith and her family learned that she had terminal cancer, they came together and discussed a way to create a living memorial in her honor. Since Donna loved children and loved to see children reading, they decided on establishing a fund where every child born at Virginia Baptist Hospital would receive a book to inspire a love of reading.

Sadly, Donna succumbed to her short battle with cancer, but her living memorial is going strong ten years later. The fund began

with \$5,000 as donations from friends and family poured in to honor her wishes. Dr. Smith established a fund at the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust to honor his wife’s memory.

As **Born to Read** enters its tenth year, more than 20,675 books have been distributed to newborns. The fund is managed by The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust and is still operating in the black allowing children’s librarians to purchase Donna’s books for many more years to come.

If you are interested in learning more about **Born to Read**, please contact Lorry Risinger at 455-6320.

Upcoming Friends of the Library Board Meetings			
VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME			
Saturday, September 12		9 a.m. - 12 noon	Library Community Room
Tuesday, November 10		4:00 p.m.	Library Community Room



"Back to School" Teen Event  
Games from A to W  
(Air Hockey to Wii!)

For middle and high school students  
Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Kick off the back-to-school year with a great time of fun and games at the library! Come, bring a friend, and plan to have fun with amazing snacks and great games!

We’re looking for...

The Youth Services department is looking for gently used games to enhance our teen collection for our gaming programs. We are specifically looking for: Uno, Nintendo game station and games, hand held electronic games, Kerplunk, Jenga, Scrabble, Boggle, Battleship, and any other interesting and fun games that would make great additions to our collection and create space in your closets. Call 455-6320 for more information. Thank you.

Volunteers Impacting the Library

Summer is a busy time for the library. Patrons are selecting books for summer reading and books on CD for use while on vacation, and parents are bringing in their children to keep them busy over the summer. The Youth Services Department has an array of programs for children to encourage summer reading at all levels. Volunteers help the library staff keep up with the demands. Each summer we have a Teen Volunteer program to help with the summer programs in the Youth Services Department.

This summer we had 29 student volunteers from 13 years old to college graduates. The volunteers assisted staff in the Circulation and Youth Services Departments. The programs in Youth Services would be difficult to run without the help of our volunteers. Volunteering at the library offers our student volunteers the opportunity to learn new skills and gain confidence in their leadership abilities. Volunteer service can also be included on college and job applications.

The library strives to meet the needs of our patrons, and volunteer opportunities at the library benefit both patrons and volunteers. The Friends group supports the Volunteer program, and this in turn supports the operation of the library. The Friends continue to meet the needs of the library, and help the library meet the needs of its patrons.

Children’s Fall Storytimes



**Tales for Twos and Preschool Pizzazz**  
storytime registration begins on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration must be done in person. Storytimes begin the week of September 21.

**Born to Read** storytime for listeners under two-years-old does not require registration and is offered year round on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Please visit Youth Services, call 455-6320, or check our Website or **Facebook** for more information. We look forward to seeing you and your children this fall. We have so much to tell you!



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